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In re Application of:)
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Lorenz et al.) Group Art Unit: 1644
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Serial No.: 09/816,697) Examiner: Phillip Gambel
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Filed: March 23, 2001)
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For: A NOVEL P-SELECTIN)
GLYCOPROTEIN LIGAND)
(PSGL-1) BINDING PROTEIN)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In reply to the Office Action dated November 15, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for two months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the five paragraphs beginning on page 3, at line 19, and ending on page 4, at line 23, with the following five paragraphs:

-- In one embodiment, a SLIC-1 nucleic acid molecule of the invention is at least 50%, 55%, 60%, 65%, 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or more identical to the nucleotide sequence (e.g., to the entire length of the nucleotide sequence) shown in SEQ ID NO:1, or a complement thereof. In a preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule includes the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1, or a complement thereof. In another preferred embodiment, the

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